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Peru – Earthquake

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated August 27, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On August 29, U.S. Ambassador P. Michael McKinley and a team of representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Lima, USAID/Peru, and USAID/OFDA traveled to Pisco Province to earthquake-affected areas. The U.S. Government (USG) team found that camp management and the provision of shelter remain the main challenges to the ongoing humanitarian response.
- On August 28, the U.N. announced a flash appeal for nearly \$37 million to assist more than 200,000 people over the next six months. Immediate needs in the appeal include shelter, medical care, food assistance, emergency relief supplies, tools for debris removal, and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE*		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	519 killed, 1,366 injured	INDECI ¹ , August 30, 2007
Houses Destroyed	60,519 houses	INDECI, August 30, 2007
Houses Damaged	14,553 houses	INDECI, August 30, 2007

*Based on current estimates. Assessments to determine precise damage and affected population figures are ongoing.

FY 2007 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Peru	\$2,014,220
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$2,014,220
Total Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$600,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$2,614,220

CURRENT SITUATION

- The Government of Peru's (GOP) Ministry of Labor has begun a temporary employment program, which allows two members of each affected family to obtain payment for removing rubble and debris. According to the Minister of Labor, the temporary employment program targets 8,000 families in Ica, Chincha, and Pisco provinces. The USAID team observed this program during assessment visits in Pisco and Cañete provinces.
- Between August 28 and 29, the USAID team conducted assessments of earthquake-affected districts in Huaytara Province, Huancavelica Region, and Yauyos Province, Lima Region. The USAID assessment team concluded that the main needs of Huancavelica and Yauyos provinces are the rehabilitation of irrigation canals, which are crucial for the area's agriculture-based economy. In Yauyos Province, the team found that the districts of Chocos, Madean, and Vinac require shelter assistance.

Emergency Needs

- During an August 27 coordination meeting, the mayors from the affected districts of Pisco Province, confirmed that priority needs include shelter, food, heavy machinery for rubble removal, and rehabilitation of irrigation canals.
- In San Clemente District, the mayor reported that a large proportion of the 24,000 residents require water, food, blankets, tents, plastic sheeting, and psychosocial support. The mayor also noted that the water system was damaged and the district, which has the second largest population in Pisco Province, requires assistance to provide water to residents. The non-governmental organization (NGO) Samaritan's Purse has provided assistance in the district, through a local partner, since the day after the earthquake. This assistance includes the distribution of 2,000 blankets airlifted by USAID/OFDA.

Shelter

- To address shelter needs, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has provided 5,000 tents, which arrived in Peru on September 3, and will be sent to affected areas of Pisco, Chincha, and Ica provinces. IOM is also purchasing mattresses and blankets for approximately 60,000 people, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

¹ Peruvian National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI)

- USAID/OFDA is providing support to CARE International, Caritas, and World Vision to provide temporary shelter solutions in earthquake-affected areas.

Water and Sanitation

- On August 30, the GOP National Water and Sanitation Authority (SUNASS) reported that water network service will increase to full capacity in San Andrés and 45 percent of full capacity in Pisco once leaks are repaired in the coming days. On August 27, SUNASS reported that water service to Ica through regular pipeline networks returned to full capacity. OCHA reported that water is being supplied in affected areas in Pisco by water tankers.
- On August 31, OCHA reported that an interagency team determined that additional sanitation and hygiene support was needed in areas of Ica and Pisco, including displaced person camps. U.N field teams in Pisco reported respiratory, skin, and eye diseases due to an accumulation of dust and dirt in the area.
- USAID/OFDA is coordinating with INDECI, the GOP's Ministry of Health (MOH), and NGO implementing partners to distribute four 10,000-liter water bladders and 7,800 ten-liter water containers provided by USAID/OFDA to areas with outstanding needs. Ambassador McKinley and the USG team observed one of the USAID/OFDA-provided water bladders in operation in a displaced persons camp in the Nueva Alameda sector of Pisco Province.
- As part of the USAID/OFDA-supported shelter assistance program, CARE International, Caritas, and World Vision are providing water, sanitation, and hygiene support to affected areas in Cañete, Chincha, and Ica provinces.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Following the August 16 U.S. Ambassador's disaster declaration for Peru, more than 50 personnel from the Department of State, USAID/Peru, USAID/OFDA, and the DOD's Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) have been in the affected areas, conducting assessments, coordinating with the GOP, providing emergency medical treatment and relief supplies, and assisting American citizens.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$1.3 million through USAID/Peru to implementing partners, including the Peruvian Red Cross, CARE International, Caritas, and World Vision to support relief efforts.
- In addition to financial assistance, USAID/OFDA has delivered emergency relief commodities via three airlifts to Peru. The commodities included four 10,000-liter water bladders, 7,800 ten-liter water containers, 500 body bags, 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 15,000 blankets. USAID/OFDA has also provided an office support module for the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team.
- USAID's five-person assessment team continues to assess damages, identify needs, and deliver emergency assistance, in collaboration with USAID/Peru, the U.S. Embassy, and MAAG.
- To date, DOD has provided approximately \$600,000 in technical and financial assistance in response to the earthquake. DOD medical teams are providing critical health services in the affected areas as well supplies and air support.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Peru	Emergency Relief Activities through NGOs	Affected Areas	\$515,000
Peruvian Red Cross	Local Procurement of Emergency Relief Supplies	Pisco Province	\$100,000
CARE	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Chincha Province	\$267,500
Caritas	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Cañete Province	\$267,500
World Vision	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Ica Province	\$150,000
CARE, Caritas, Samaritan's Purse, UNDAC, World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse, including transport to Lima	Affected Areas	\$714,220
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$2,014,220
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$2,014,220
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE			
U.S. medical team of eight doctors and ten medical students from the Naval Medical Research Center Detachment (NMRCD) with a portable laboratory			
Local procurement of medical and other relief supplies through NMRCD			
27-member Field Surgical Team			
13-person Medical Readiness Exercise Team and supplies			
Surgical operating room package and medical supplies and a C-130 plane to transport relief supplies and affected residents			
TOTAL DOD			\$600,000
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$600,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$2,614,220

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 5, 2007

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their earthquake response efforts in Peru can be found in the "How Can I Help" section of http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/perueq/ or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914. USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering services can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Peru
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org → "Guide to Appropriate Giving"
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/